count of loss of baggage and medical expenses for injuries sustained by them will be reimbursed by the insurance company.

Pilots leaving the Indian Airlines

16. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots who have left the Indian Airlines/Air India during the last three years, specially during the period from December 1992 to January, 1993;

(b) the amount which Indian Airlines had spent on their training;

(c) the reasons for their leaving the Airlines;

(d) the loss Indian Airlines has incurred because of their leaving; and

(e) the Airlines which they have joined since then?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) From 1990 to January, 1993 four pilots have left Air India. Between December, 1992 and January, 1993 one pilot left Air India. A total of 79 pilots have left Indian Airlines from 1990 to Jauary, 1993. Out of these, 29 pliots left in December, 1992 and 7 left in January, 1993.

(b) The cost of training incurred by Indian Airlines from the stage of a trainee pilot to that of a Commander on A-300 aircraft is approximately Rs. 42.60 lakh per pilot.

(c) Three Air India pilots have left on family/personal grounds and one has left on medical grounds. In Indian Airlines 25 pilots have left on personal/domestic grounds; 7 have left to join Air India and one has left questioning the prevaling conditions of Indian Airlines; 43 pilots have not given any reasons for their resignation.

(d) It is not possible to quantify accurately the losses suffered by Indian Airlines.

(e) Out of the 76 pilots who resigned from Indian Airlines, 7 joined Air India and 1 joined an Air Taxi organisation; the rest have not given any intimation regarding their future plans.

Development of Model Airports

17. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to develop 12 airports in the country as model airports which will have standardised facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such airports and details of the extra facilities to be provided thereat?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for developing twelve airports as madel airports, viz. Jaipur, Lucknow, Nagpur, Indore, Vadodara, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Calicut, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Imphal. Modernisation programme includes construction of new terminal building/expansion of existing terminal biulding wherever possible, extension of runway to 75000', provision of latest landing aids and other operational infrastructure.

Plans to attract foreign tourists

18. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to launch "Reassurance Campaigns" to attract foreign tourists in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) In the aftermath of the Ayodhya incident and the Indian Airlines strike a Tourism Management Committee was constituted and in its meeting of 16th December 1992 under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Tourism the following plan of action was decided:

* Effective publicity in overseas tourist market to counter negative image.
* Reassurance campaign through electronic and print media. Efforts to be made by overseas tourist offices, to pursuade travel agents/tour operators not to cancel visits.
* Visit abroad of high level reassurance delegations.
* Dialogue with High Commissions with a view to withdrawing /toning down adverse travel advisories.
* Special domestic campaign with concessions and holiday packages.

Hijacking of Indian Airlines plane

19. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Airlines plane was recently, hijacked at Lucknow;

(b) if so, what are the details of the investigations made into the incident stating the security lapses identified; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The hijacker was carrying a small cloth bag in which he had kept his lunch box. He entwined white thread around two wooden pieces turning them in the form of table tennis balls and kept them inside the lunch box. These ball like objects were used later by him to project the threat of a bomb.

(c) The hijacker has been arrested and a criminal case registered against him by the Police.

Steps to attract tourist traffic

20. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the violence that errupted after the Ayodhya incidents of Dec. 6, 1992, coupled with Indian Airlines pilots, strike, had dealt a severe blow to tourism this winter tourist season;

(b) if so, how does the tourist traffic and earnings therefrom during December, 1992 and January this year compare with that during 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to attract more tourists into the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foreign tourist arrivals and the estimated foreign exchange earnings from them during the period December 1992 and January 1993 as compared to the same periods of the previous two years are as given below:

Period Dec-Jan	Tourist Arrivals	Estimated Foreign Exchange Earning(Rs. crore)
1990-91 .	324,443	511
1991-92 .	380,573	771
1992-93 (P)	323,663	789

P : Provisional.